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SENATOR CHAMBERS. Mr. Chairman, because everybody in this Legislature know how closely allied Senator Venditte and I are in our thinking, and me being his alter ego and him being mine, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The previous question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol for closing. I am sorry, excuse me, Senator Venditte to close on your amendment. Excuse me just a minute. The Chair is having difficulty hearing the people out in the other room. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, to Senator Chambers, we have the jokes and we have the jokers. You know I was quite sir when I introduced this amendment. I thought perhaps there would be some people who would be willing at least to listen. I hardly thought that I would tickle your funny bone with this particular amendment here this afternoon, and I still think that we are being somewhat fooled here this afternoon to think that we haven't got a problem in this state relative to the drunken driver. I have been down here for three years and there has been very very little attempt made by this Legislature to do anything to reduce the number of traffic fatalities in this state and yet we have more than 450 people being killed in this state and more than 50% of those people are killed by the drunken driver, more than 50% by the drunken driver. What are we going to do about it? Apparently not a darn thing right now but I would hope that perhaps as time goes on, perhaps as early as this session, ladies and gentlemen, that there will be at least a group of us who at least have some concern in this direction and would be willing to do something about it this session with another bill. And as my good friend, the Neligh attorney, has said earlier that perhaps maybe there is something we can do about this with another piece of legislation. I realize that the time is limited here on consent calendar and with that I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the Venditte amendment.